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...NOT A SERIAL :SKSHH: UMBER TO :SKSHH: OUND ON ANY OF THEM.
CRAK
:SHSSKK: EEN THOUSAND A UNIT. HERE :SHSHK: ASH ONLY, AND :SHHSS: DO IT TONIGHT...
...SAYS HE'LL :SHKSSS: MERCER YARDS, AT FOUR...
...JACKSON, MAN, YOU :SSSHHSS: ISTENING TO ME?
JUS :SHKKSSS: MIRING THE VIEW...
...TELL ME YOU DON'T WANT A PIE :SHKHSSS: GHT LITTLE :SHSSKK:
EVENING, GENTS--

--TIME TO PLAY THE GCPD QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SHOW!
WHO'S GONNA BE OUR FIRST CONTESTANT?
G.C.P.D.
BULLOCK
HEY, RENEE--
OOH, SORRY, MR. JACKSON! GOT A NICE PARTING GIFT FOR YA!
--WE GOT A RUNNER!
YEAH.
I DON'T THINK...
...SO...

FAYE, TAKE A HIKE.
YES, MA'AM.
COME HERE.
GET YOUR--
I SAID COME HERE.
THE FIRST TIME I SEE YOU IN OVER A YEAR AND YOU'RE DRESSED LIKE A SLUT IN SOME SCUM-FILLED BAR--
NO, YOU DON'T GET TO DO THAT! I CALLED YOU, I CALLED AND CALLED AND--
--HAVE ANY IDEA WHO THESE PEOPLE ARE, KATE? WHAT THEY'D DO TO YOU IF THEY GOT THE CHANCE?
I DON'T NEED YOU TO TAKE CARE OF ME!
NO, I KINDA THINK YOU DO, KATE...
...IT JUST CAN'T BE ME.

:SHHSSS: ERE. BY THE OPEN ONE.
YOU SEE :SKSS: AT?
MERGER
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GOLDEN. MEANS HE'S BUSY SOMEW :SKKSH: LSE...
...ONE LESS THING FOR US TO WORRY ABOUT, BOYS.
...ONE LESS THING :SKKSSSK: ORRY ABOUT, BOYS.
RIGHT, PUT IT :SHKSSS: ERE.
DUNNO, MAN. THAT DA :SKSS: GNAL MAKES ME NERVOUS.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT--

GRENADE!
GRENADE--
--HIM
IT'S HIM IT'S
GOT--
SSSSSSSSSS
--GAS :KAFF:
TEAR GAS
:HUKKK:--
PFAK
GO
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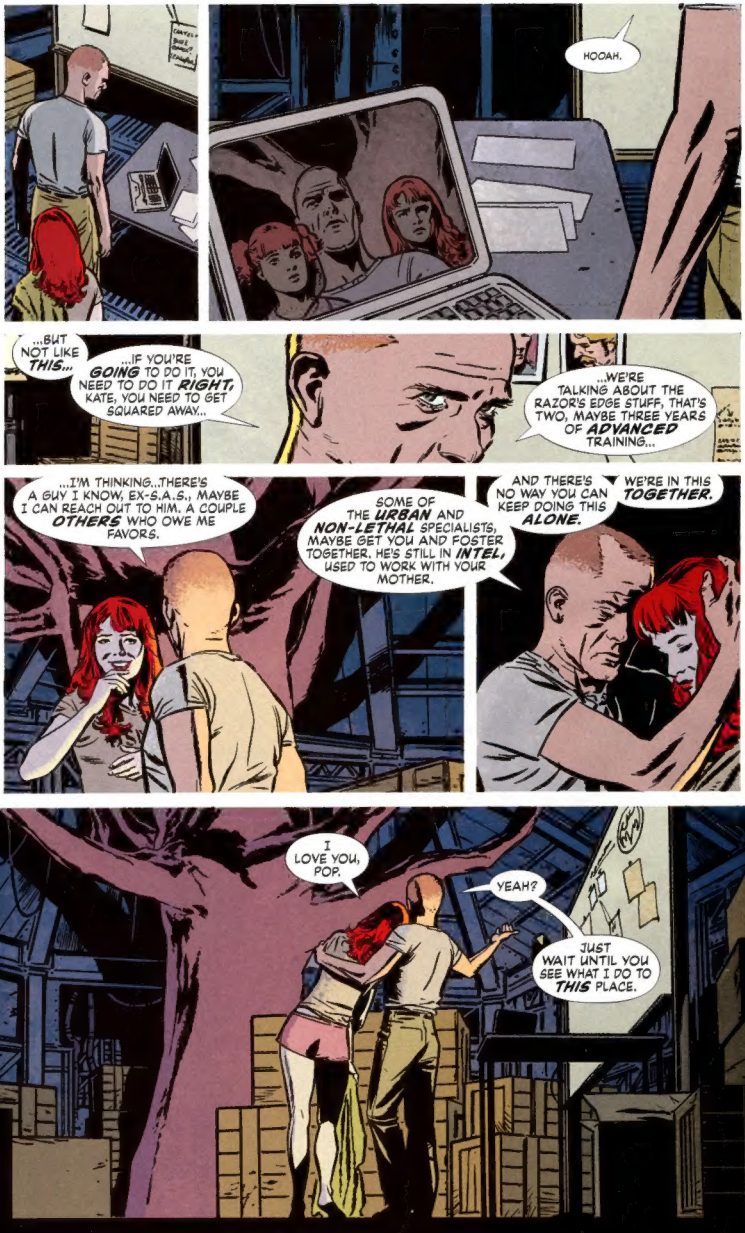
:HAK:
:KAF:
TIK
WIRRR
THAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH TEAR GAS...

...IT GETS INTO EVERYTHING, YOUR HAIR, YOUR SOCKS, YOU NAME IT.
YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO LAUNDER THE HELL OUT OF THOSE CLOTHES.
NICE JOB HIDING YOUR LITTLE OPERATIONAL "HEART" HERE.
BUT ALL THIS STUFF...THIS IS BEYOND MIDNIGHT REQUISITION, KATHERINE.
THIS IS THEFT.
HELL, ASIDE FROM THE SMOKE AND CS, YOU'VE GOT JUST ABOUT EVERY NON-LETHAL WE STOCK ON-BASE IN HERE.
AND DO NOT GET ME STARTED ON THE ELECTRONICS YOU'VE STOLEN.
USMA
I WAS ACTUALLY RELIEVED WHEN I REALIZED WHAT YOU WERE DOING WITH ALL THIS STUFF.
BUT HERE'S A LITTLE BISCUIT FOR YOU TO CHEW ON, KATE. YOU'RE NOT A SOLDIER ANYMORE, AND YOU'RE NOT A COP.
JUST BECAUSE YOU SURVIVED BEAST AT THE POINT AND YOU WERE SENIOR ELITE IN GYMNASTICS DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE A DAMN CRIMEFIGHTER.
AND IT'S GOING TO STOP NOW.
Gun Running
JACKSON
BLYMNE
CARTEL?
BIKER GANGS?
TERRORISM?
NO.

I WILL TEAR YOU OUT OF FRAME, YOUNG LADY, DON'T THINK FOR A MINUTE I WON'T!
DAMMIT! HOW LONG HAS THIS BEEN GOING ON? HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RUNNING AROUND PLAYING VIGILANTE?!
SIX MONTHS ON INTEL GIVE OR TAKE, ABOUT THAT LONG AGAIN ON OPERATIONS.
AND I'M NOT PLAYING AT ANYTHING.
SIR.
...KATE, YOU'RE GOING TO GET HURT, IT'S GOT TO STOP--
WHY? WHY HAS IT GOT TO STOP?
DON'T YOU GET IT, POP? DON'T YOU SEE?
YOU'VE GOT YOUR UNIFORM, YOU ANSWER TO YOUR DUTY.
THAT BAT THEY SHINE IN THE SKY...CIVILIANS THINK IT'S A CALL FOR HELP.
THE BAD GUYS THINK IT'S A WARNING...
BUT IT'S MORE THAN THAT. IT'S SOMETHING HIGHER. IT'S A CALL TO ARMS...
...I'VE FOUND MY WAY TO SERVE.
I FINALLY FOUND A WAY TO SERVE.


HOOAH.
...BUT NOT LIKE THIS...
...IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT, YOU NEED TO DO IT RIGHT, KATE. YOU NEED TO GET SQUARED AWAY...
...WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE RAZOR'S EDGE STUFF, THAT'S TWO, MAYBE THREE YEARS OF ADVANCED TRAINING...
...I'M THINKING...THERE'S A GUY I KNOW, EX-S.A.S., MAYBE I CAN REACH OUT TO HIM. A COUPLE OTHERS WHO OWE ME FAVORS.
SOME OF THE URBAN AND NON-LETHAL SPECIALISTS, MAYBE GET YOU AND FOSTER TOGETHER. HE'S STILL IN INTEL, USED TO WORK WITH YOUR MOTHER.
AND THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN KEEP DOING THIS ALONE.
WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER.
I LOVE YOU, POP.
YEAH?
JUST WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE WHAT I DO TO THIS PLACE.

"MAKE NO MISTAKE YOU DO THIS, YOU'RE GOING TO WAR.
"DEFINE THE GOAL. DEFINE THE OBJECTIVE. DEFINE THE TERMS OF VICTORY.
"BECAUSE IF VICTORY MEANS BRINGING YOUR MOTHER AND SISTER BACK, YOU'VE ALREADY LOST.
"IF VICTORY MEANS TAKING REVENGE FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM, YOU'VE ALREADY LOST.
"BUT IF THE OBJECTIVE IS TO SAVE JUST ONE LIFE...
"...TO PROTECT ONE INNOCENT...
"...TO KEEP ONE PERSON FROM HAVING THEIR LIFE SHATTERED IN VIOLENCE.
"...AND TO COME HOME ALIVE WHEN YOU'RE DONE...
"...THEN YOU CAN PREVAIL.
"AND GOD HELP WHATEVER POOR BASTARD TRIES TO STAND IN YOUR WAY."

--NO, NO, NO, NO, I TOLD YOU, BELUGA...
...THE SENATOR HATES SEVRUGA. GIVES HIM A HEADACHE.
AND TELL GINNY THAT THERE'S A FRACTURE IN THE ICE SCULPTURE. I WANT A REPLACEMENT BY FOUR.
HELLO, CATHERINE.
KATE?
KATIE! WHEN DID YOU GET BACK?
LAST YOUR FATHER SAID, YOU WERE IN MALAYSIA OR INDONESIA OR SOMEPLACE TERRIBLY HOT AND HUMID!
WE DIDN'T THINK WE'D SEE YOU UNTIL THE HIGH HOLY DAYS--
--LOOK AT YOU! YOU LOOK TERRIFIC! DID YOU LOSE WEIGHT?
I GUESS--
MAKES ME WISH THAT I COULD SPEND TWO YEARS TROTTING AROUND THE GLOBE ON SOMEONE ELSE'S MONEY!
DOES YOUR FATHER KNOW YOU'RE BACK? HOLD ON--
--JAKE! JAKE! COME HERE!

CATHERINE, I--
LOOK WHO'S FINALLY COME HOME!
THE PRODIGAL DAUGHTER RETURNS!
GOOD TO SEE YOU, SIR.
WELCOME HOME, SOLDIER.
"SOLDIER" AND "SIR," JUST LOOK AT THE TWO OF YOU.
WELL, GO ON, GET SOME BEER OR CIGARS OR WHATEVER IT IS YOU TWO DO TO BOND, DON'T MIND ME...
...I'LL JUST GO BACK TO WHAT I WAS DOING, NOT THAT ANYONE CARES ABOUT THE SENATOR'S REELECTION BUT ME--
--NO, NO, NO, NO, NEVER LILIES, ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND? THIS ISN'T A FUNERAL...
BEEN TO THE APARTMENT YET?
CAME STRAIGHT HERE FROM THE AIRPORT.
THEN WHAT'RE WE WAITING FOR?

YOU DID ALL THIS YOURSELF?
I HAD TWO YEARS, KATE.
INSTALLED A NEW SECURITY SYSTEM, BY THE WAY. ALARMS AND CAMERAS, EVERYTHING FEEDS INTO THE HEART, NOW.
WE CAN GO OVER THE TECH AND OPS DETAILS LATER. BUT FIRST...
...I THINK YOU SHOULD TRY ON YOUR UNIFORM.
POR.. ARE THOSE HEELS?
THEY WERE THE ONLY BOOTS I COULD FIND IN RED. IT'S A GOOD COLOR, DOESN'T POP DURING NIGHT OPS.
RED AND BLACK...
...GEVURAH, THE PILLAR OF SEVERITY...
...THE COLORS OF WAR.
THE CAPE IS A NANOTUBE COMPOSITE, NOT PURE, BUT DAMN STRONG AND LIGHT, WEIGHTED AT THE ENDS.
BIO-MONITORS IN THE TORSO, THEY TIE INTO THE GPS AND THE RADIO, WITH EVERYTHING ON A SCREECH REPEATER STRAIGHT TO THE LAPTOPS HERE.
ONLINE BIO_SIGNS: NOMINAL
ALL ENCRYPTED TO HELL AND BACK, OF COURSE.
OF COURSE.
GO AHEAD, TRY IT ON.
THE SUIT'S TREATED WITH THE SHEAR THICKENING COMPOUND, SO IT'S ENTIRELY FLEXIBLE, BUT STAB RESISTANT AND BULLET PROOF.

YOU LIKE IT?
IT'LL DO FOR NOW.
THERE'S ONE LAST THING...

YOU LOOKING AT ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR, OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME IN OUT OF THE RAIN?
JUST THE RIVER.
IT LOOKS CLEAN FROM HERE.
MOST THINGS LOOK BETTER FROM A DISTANCE.
I HAVE THE DNA RESULTS FROM THE SAMPLES YOU ASKED ME TO TEST.
RAN THEM TWICE, TO BE SURE.
TELL ME, MALLORY.
YOU WERE RIGHT, THEY'RE TWINS.
MONO-ZYGOTIC, FEMALE. IDENTICAL TWIN SISTERS.
THANK YOU, DOCTOR KIMBALL.
HAVE A GOOD NIGHT.

YOU TOLD ME SHE WAS DEAD.
YOU WERE TWELVE AND YOUR MOTHER HAD BEEN MURDERED.
WHAT WAS I SUPPOSED TO TELL YOU, KATE? THAT THE GIRL WE FOUND WHEN WE RESCUED YOU WASN'T ELIZABETH?
THAT WE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE YOUR SISTER WAS? WHAT THEY'D DONE TO HER? WHAT THEY WERE DOING?
YOU THINK I DIDN'T LOOK? YOU THINK I DIDN'T DO EVERYTHING I COULD TO FIND HER?
AND THEN WHEN I WANTED TO TELL YOU...AND YOU'D FINALLY MADE PEACE WITH IT--
I NEVER MADE PEACE WITH IT--
AND NOW I NEVER CAN.
KATE--
--EVEN IF THAT LUNATIC WAS ELIZABETH, SHE WASN'T YOUR SISTER. YOU HEAR ME? ALICE ISN'T YOUR SISTER.
ELIZABETH IS DEAD.
I KNOW, COLONEL.
I WATCHED HER FALL.
I KILLED HER.

ODESSA.
"ORGANIZED CRIME IS A CATCH-ALL PHRASE, THAT'S THE FIRST THING YOU'VE GOT TO UNDERSTAND...
"...IT'S USED TO DESCRIBE EVERYTHING FROM LA COSA NOSTRA TO THE ALBANIAN MAFIA...
"...THE KEY BEING THAT IT'S TRANSNATIONAL. THAT IT DOESN'T ACKNOWLEDGE BORDERS...
"...THAT, AND IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT ONE THING...
"...PROFIT."

The Question: Pipeline

Chapter Two | Part One

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YOU SOUND JUST LIKE A HIGH SCHOOL *TEACHER* I HAD WHEN YOU TALK LIKE THAT.
I *AM* A HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER.
THAT WOULD EXPLAIN IT.
YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING WITH THAT?
SAW IT IN A MOVIE ONCE.
HOLD STILL.
HNH
YOU WERE *SAYING?* ABOUT *PROFIT?*
...*NHN* RIGHT..
...IT'S *ALWAYS* ABOUT *MONEY* TO THESE GUYS...
...HOW *MUCH.* HOW *QUICK.* AND--*NHH*--MOSTLY HOW *MUCH.*
DONE.

YOU SAID "HOW MUCH" *TWICE*, BY THE WAY.
THAT WAS FOR EMPHASIS.
SO I FIGURED
TWO WEEKS WE'VE BEEN BUSTING *EVERY-THING* IN THE NETWORK WE CAN *FIND*.
I'D *THINK* WE'D BE CUTTING INTO THEIR BOTTOM LINE BY *NOW*.
NO QUESTION.
THEY'RE GOING TO *HIT* BACK, RENEE.
AND WHEN THEY *DO*, THEY'RE GOING TO HIT *HARD*.
THEN WE BETTER BE *READY*.

THE OUTER BANKS, NORTH CAROLINA.
YOU ALWAYS DRIVE THIS FAST?
THERE ANOTHER REASON TO OWN A LAMBORGHINI?
NOT THAT I CAN THINK OF.
LEFT UP HERE.

YOU MADE GOOD TIME.
HELENA DOESN'T BELIEVE IN STOP LIGHTS.
IF I DROVE A GALLARDO SPYDER, I WOULDN'T, EITHER.
PROFESSOR ARISTOTLE RODOR. HELENA BERTINELLI. HELENA, TOT.
A PLEASURE, PROFESSOR.
I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU.
CHARLIE WAS QUITE FOND OF YOU.
CHARLIE?
VIC. VIC SAGE?
YOU KNEW VIC?
LIKE HE WAS MY OWN FLESH AND BLOOD.
THERE'S A SPARE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR...

RENEE CAN SHOW YOU WHERE IT IS.
SO YOU AND VIC-- SORRY, CHARLIE...
...YOU WERE LOVERS?
AH. .NO. DEFINITELY NOT.
JUST VERY GOOD FRIENDS.
HOW'D HE DIE?
BADLY.
HE HAD CANCER

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU KNEW HIM.
HE AND I...HE TRIED TO SAVE ME FROM MYSELF.
YEAH? HOW'D THAT WORK OUT?
WELL, I'M STILL HERE...
...SO I SUPPOSE HE SUCCEEDED.
YOU?
OH. I WAS A WRECK WHEN HE FOUND ME...
...FULL OF SELF-PITY AND SELF-DESTRUCTION...
THE SON OF A BITCH SAVED MY LIFE.
THEN HE WENT AND DIED ON ME.
I STILL MISS HIM.

SO YOU EXPECT THEM TO STRIKE BACK AT YOU SOON?
IT'S THEIR ONLY OPTION.
I'M SURPRISED THEY HAVEN'T TRIED ALREADY.
OH, THEY HAVE...
"...THERE WAS A SNIPER IN MALTA...
"...SOME LOCAL MUSCLE IN ISTANBUL...
"...AND A RUN-IN WITH THE AUTHORITIES OUTSIDE OF ODESSA..

...BUT IT WAS ALL AMATEUR HOUR.
NO PROFESSIONAL ACTION. NO ONE WE CAN BACKTRACK TO THE MAN IN CHARGE.
ODD. FOR ORGANIZED CRIME...
...IT SOUNDS LIKE A VERY DISORGANIZED RESPONSE.
IT IS.
YOU GOT A PLACE YOU CAN GO FOR A FEW DAYS, PROFESSOR?
SEEMS TO ME IT'S A LITTLE LATE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT NOW.
IF YOU WERE BEING FOLLOWED, YOUR TRAIL CERTAINLY LEADS HERE.

WE WEREN'T FOLLOWED.
THUNK
ARE YOU CERTAIN?
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DCP

Happy Holidays
Hatful of Hollow.
DCP.

Xander
Have Fun in
2010!

Ultra Boy-DCP
Happy Holidays 2009-2010
Ciao e buona Fortuna!

Thanks for all Bumble!
Neverwhere
Merry Christmas

Shamil
Jojo
Tielk
Darwin
Beerthx

Best Wishes to All,
and I miss you, Bumblebee-Man!
Agent-Uup

Best Wishes & Seasons Greetings From TechBug
btX/DCP
Peace + Love
Keep Having Fun!
Happy Holidays!
Pmack
RIP Bumblebeeman

DTs

Broom
Handle
Mauser
To Absent Friends

Slinky

Ollie Kreox

Happy Holidays!
Kryptonia

Kurt_Wagner
Peace
Merry Chrismahanukwanzikah!

2010 The year of the
Scanlations.
Have Fun
Darth Scanner

Shoeshine

'Tis the Season...

Happy Holidays
to all our friends
across the world!

Mr. Woodman

Whobutdrew

Turbo

Mustache Guy

DumDum/DCP

Happy Holidays!

Merry x-mas and prosper you
many years next year.
Icarus-DCP

Lusiphur - DCP

shawoo

Kingpin

Mookie

Best Wishes

RIP Bumble

Greetings
To All
From Mary

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Folks!!!
KarenSong
(Yeah, this time you'd be proud)

Steam

GLPDGVY

Avalon + ZenChiefs

Happy Holidays
JANUS

FlatHarmann

King Daubach

TORX

Merry X-mas

the Walrus

Wooza
from Father DCP

Merry Christmas
data 1724

THE WORLD IS STRANGE
LET'S KEEP IT
THAT WAY!
MERRY CHRISTMAS
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TOKER
THE KID

Rest in Peace
Bubmblebeeman